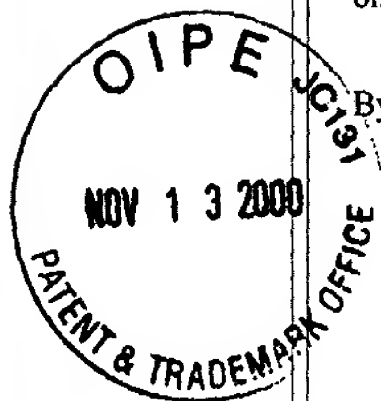


I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to:
Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231
on November 2, 2000

PATENT
Attorney Docket No.: 19452A-000700US



By: Joy M. Marshall

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

S. Liljegren & M. Yanofsky

Application No.: 09/548,971

Filed: April 13, 2000

For: CONTROL OF FRUIT DEHISCENCE
IN ARABIDOPSIS BY INDEHISCENT1
GENES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Examiner: Not Assigned

Art Unit: 1649


PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated June 27, 2000 for three months, from August 27, 2000 to November 27, 2000. An appropriate response in the form of a Response to Notice of Missing Parts is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$890.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,


Kevin L. Bastian
Reg. No. 34,774

TOWNSEND and TOWNSEND and CREW LLP
Two Embarcadero Center, 8th Floor
San Francisco, California 94111-3834
Tel: (415) 576-0200 Fax: (415) 576-0300
KLB:jmm
SF 1155233 v1